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FOR CU/ARTS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SCUL

SUBJECT: JAZZ GROUP "LOOKOUT FARM"

REF: STATE 092739

1. POST GREATLY INTERESTED IN PROGRAMMING LOOKOUT FARM.
APPRECIATE CU/ARTS CONTACT GROUP AND NEGOTIATE TERMS.
2. WOULD NEED GROUP APPROX. 20 DAYS FOR 12 PERFORMANCES IN
ABOUT 10 CITIES, FROM OCTOBER 4. THIS TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION
TIME NEEDED FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN CITIES, OFF-STAGE ACTIVITIES SUCH
AS MEDIA INTERVIEWS, VISITS, REPRESENTATIONAL EVENTS, REST ETC.

3. PROSPECTIVE ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS:

OCT 3 ARRIVE CALCUTTA
OCT 4-5 CONCERTS IN CALCUTTA (2)
OCT 6 TRAVEL CALCUTTA/DELHI
OCT 7-8 CONCERTS IN DELHI AREA (2)
OCT 9 TRAVEL DELHI/MADRAS
OCT 10-13 CONCERTS IN MADRAS AREA (4)
OCT 14 TRAVEL MADRAS/BOMBAY
OCT 15-21 CONCERTS IN BOMBAY AREA (4).
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4. POST RPREPARED TO PAY FOR GROUP'S TRAVEL WITHIN INDIA, PER DIEM, AND HONORARIUM DOLS750 PER PERFORMANCE, FOR 12 PERFORMANCES TOTALUNG DOLS9,000. PER DIEM WILL BE IN NON-CONVERTIBLE RUPEES.

5. WE PROPOSE TO HONORARIUM PARTLY IN CASH AND PARTLY BY PURCHASING GROUP'S TICKETS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TOKYO/ DELHI/TOKYO, FROM RUPEE FUNDS. COST FOR FIVE PERSONS DOLS.5,875, TO BE APPLIED AGAINST CONCERT FEES, MAKING BALANCE PAYABLE IN CASH DOLS. 3125.

6. TO MAKE DOLLAR COST MINIMAL, POST WOULD PREFER PAY REMAINDER OF HONORARIUM IN NON-CONVERTIBLE RUPEES. HOPE GROUP AGREEABLE. IF NOT, WOULD CU/ARTS CONSIDER PROVIDING DOLLAR PAYMENT FOR ALL OR PART OF HONORARIUM BALANCE?

7. PRESS KIT INDICATES THERE ARE FIVE IN GROUP INCLUDING TABLA PLAYER, BADAL ROY. PLEASE CONFIRM.

8. PLEASE ADVISE WHICH INSTRUMENTS GROUP WOULD BRING AND WHICH IT WOULD NEED RENT LOCALLY.

9. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY INDICATION GROUP'S RESPONSE TO OFFER.

10. IF TRIP APPEARS LIKELY OTHER NEARBY POSTS MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED.SAXBE

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